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TAGS: OVIP (ROBINSON, CHARLES W.)

SUBJECT: DEPSEC VISIT MANILA-PRESS GUIDANCE: HUMAN RIGHTS IN  
THE PHILIPPINES

Q. DID YOU DISCUSS THE CASE OF SENATOR AQUINO AND  
OTHER POLITICAL PRISONERS DURING YOUR STAY HERE?

A. I DID NOT DISCUSS THE CASES OF SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS  
DURING MY VISIT. AS YOU KNOW, HOWEVER, QUESTIONS OF  
HUMAN RIGHTS ARE OF GREAT IMPORTANCE AND CONCERN TO  
THE FORD ADMINISTRATION, THE U.S. CONGRESS, AND THE  
AMERICAN PEOPLE. THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT IS WELL  
AWARE OF OUR POSITION IN THIS REGARD.

Q. IF SENATOR AQUINO IS RELEASED AND REQUESTS POLITICAL  
ASYLUM IN THE UNITED STATES, WHAT WILL BE THE REACTION  
OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT?

A. REQUESTS FOR ASYLUM ARE CONSIDERED ON A CASE-BY-CASE  
BASIS, TAKING HUMANITARIAN FACTORS INTO ACCOUNT. I  
CANNOT SPECULATE ON WHAT OUR REACTION WOULD BE IN THE  
EVENT SUCH REQUEST IN BEHALF OF SENATOR AQUINO, SINCE THIS  
WOULD DEPEND ON THE PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES AT THE TIME.

Q. HAVE YOU SEEN THE AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL REPORT ON  
HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN THE PHILIPPINES?

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A. NO, I HAVE NOT, ALTHOUGH I UNDERSTAND EXCERPTS FROM  
IT HAVE BEEN CARRIED BY THE WIRE SERVICES.  
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